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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/EP03/02110
International Filing Date: March 1, 2003
Priority Date Claimed: Yes
Title of Invention: CONNECTION COUPLING
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Weh et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
3. (X) A copy of the International Application (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a) () is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) (X) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) (X) a copy of Form PCT/1B/308 is enclosed.
 - d) () is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
4. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a) () are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) () have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
5. (X) International Application as published.
6. (X) A return prepaid postcard.
7. (X) The following fees are submitted:

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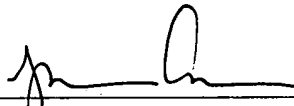
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| BASIC FEE | | | | \$920 |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | |
| Total Claims | 9 - 20 = | 0 × | \$18 | \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 1 - 3 = | 0 × | \$86 | \$0 |
| Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable) | | | \$290 | \$290 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS | | | | \$1,210 |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE | | | | \$1,210 |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED | | | | \$1,210 |

8. (X) The fee for submission of the translation of the international application or any annexes to the IPER set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(f) will be paid upon submission of those items.
9. (X) The fee for later submission of the signed oath or declaration set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(e) will be paid upon submission of the declaration.
10. (X) A check in the amount of \$1,210 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
11. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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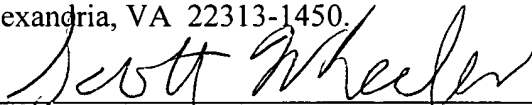
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